Profit/Losses of Public Sector Chemicals Fertilizer Projects

†318. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chemical fertilizers producing projects in public sector in the country are making losses;

(b) if not, the number of public sector projects which are still doing the production work;

(c) the number of projects making profits and losses, separately; and

(d) the profits and losses in terms of rupees, made by these projects during 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a), (c) and (d) The details of the profits earned (+)/losses (-) incurred by the 8 fertilizer PSUs during 2000-2001 are as follows:—

		(Rs. Crore)
(i)	Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.	(-) 767.72
(ii)	Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.	(-) 951.36
(iii)	Projects and Development India Ltd.	(-) 32.66
(iv)	Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd.	(-) 108.30
(v)	National Fertilizers Ltd.	(+) 27.31
(vi)	Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd.	(-) 151.95
(vii)	Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd.	(+) 64.97
(viii)	Madras Fertilizers Ltd.	(-) 29.76

(b) Of the fertilizer Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Department of fertilizers only the following units are under prolonged shutdown:

(i) Ammonia-Urea units at Gorakhpur (U.P.) Ramagundam (A.P.) and Talcher (Orissa) of Fertilizer corporation of India Limited (FCI);

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(ii) Ammonia-Urea units at Durgapur and Haldia Fertilizer Project (West Bengal), Barauni (Bihar), Ammonium Sulphate unit at Namrup-I (Assam) and Ammonia/Urea unit at Namrup-II (Assam) of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC);

(iii) Urea-I unit of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF) at Trombay (Maharashtra); and

(iv) Dehradun (Uttaranchal), Amjhore (Bihar) and Saladipura (Rajasthan) units of Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL).

Control on urea production industry

†319. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are considering a proposal to lift all Government controls on urea fertilizer production industry;

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) In keeping with the policy of economic liberalization and reforms, all other varieties of fertilizers except urea have already been freed from price, movement and distribution control. the Governemnt intends moving towards deregulated regime in all the three types of fertilizers, that is nitrogen, phosphatic and potassic, after taking into account its fiscal capacity on the one hand and making available fertilizers to farmers at a reasonable price on the other. It is proposed to translate the intention of the Government into a concrete action plan by formulating a long term policy aiming at complete deregulation of fertilizer sector in a phased manner.

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